

The Greatest Reformer

I. Introduction

- A. John Knox at St. Andrews, June of 1559

II. A church in need of Reformation.

- A. The Passover.
 - 1. **Matthew Henry** Thus he taught us by his example a strict observance of divine institutions, and a diligent attendance on religious assemblies.
- B. The temple itself.

III. The One who brings true Reformation.

- A. Jesus finds three things at the Temple.
 - 1. Corrupt Church leaders.
 - 2. Deceived church members.
 - 3. A polluted church.
- B. Jesus accomplishes five things in his reformation.
 - 1. He takes on the role of a Reformer.
 - 2. He attacks those who would corrupt the house of God.
 - 3. He exposes greed and criminal behavior.
 - 4. He removes things that do not belong in the house of God.
 - 5. He fulfils prophecy.
 - a. **Psalm 69:9** ⁷ Because for Your sake I have borne reproach; Shame has covered my face. ⁸ I have become a stranger to my brothers, And an alien to my mother's children; ⁹ Because zeal for Your house has eaten me up, And the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me. ¹⁰ When I wept *and chastened* my soul with fasting, That became my reproach.
- C. The Reformation of Jesus is necessary then and now because of man's depravity.
 - 1. **Matthew Henry** Sinners prepare the scourges with which they themselves will be driven out from the temple of the Lord.
- D. The reformation of Jesus was thorough.
- E. The Reformation of Jesus was authoritative.
- F. The Reformation of Jesus is an occasion of sadness.
 - 1. **Thomas McCrie** Amidst the professions of zeal that we hear, how rarely among any class of Christians does the low state of religion in the church draw a tear from the eye or a sob from the heart.
- G. The Reformation of Jesus is an occasion of joy.

IV. Enemies of Reformation.

- 1. They are ignorant of the Scriptures.
- 2. They twist the answer of Jesus.
 - a. The answer of Jesus was a prophetic statement.
 - b. The answer of Jesus would be used later in the trial against Jesus, Mark 14:57.
 - c. The answer of Jesus would later be used to mock Jesus on the cross, Mark 15:29-30

What is our response to the anger of Jesus?